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It's not about the Money: One family's effort to address the challenges of cut-off, distancing and unresolved emotional process in the face of a terminal illness

This presentation focuses on how a terminal diagnosis motivated an anxious family to “discuss the undiscussable”, and to move towards greater tolerance, greater clarity of expectations, and reduced distance between family members. The family's attempts to address longterm, unresolved emotional processes between a father, step mother, and the father's two adult children will be explored. Issues of inheritance expectations, long-term relationship hopes between the step mother, step children and step-grandchildren, as well as immediate challenges associated with managing the father's terminal illness will be discussed.

